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| Re Applic of | Cyprian E. Uzoh, et al. |
| Docket No. | FIS9-1997-0138-US2 |
| Serial No. | 09/604,539 |
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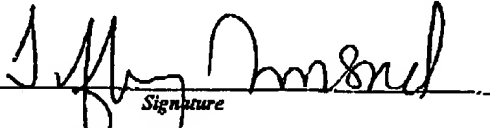
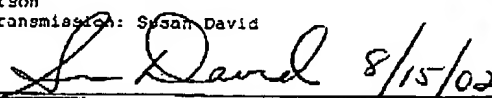
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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) | | | | Docket No. FIS9-1997-0138-US2 | |
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| Applicant(s): CYPRIAN E. UZOH, ET AL. | Serial No. 09/604,539 | Filing Date 06/27/00 | Examiner MICHAEL E. LAVILLA | Group Art Unit 1775 | |
| Invention: ELECTROMIGRATION-RESISTANT COPPER MICROSTRUCTURE | | | | | |
| <p align="center"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> | | | | | |
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Inventor(s): SAID ZAMANI-KORD et al.

Confirmation No.: 7179

Application No.: 09/443,401

Examiner: NGUYEN, K.

Filing Date: Nov 19, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1774

Title: TECHNIQUES TO PREVENT LEAKAGE OF FLUORESCING SIGNALS THROUGH
PRINT MEDIA OR INDICIA TAPE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- () Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: Request to Withdraw Finality of Office Action (fee \$)

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| [] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | + \$280 | \$ 0 |
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| OTHER FEES | | | | | | \$ |
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Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:

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GROUP 1700REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTIONCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Office reconsider and withdraw the final status of the office action mailed July 2, 2002. The action contains new grounds of rejection not necessitated by applicant's amendment filed April 22, 2002.

Under MPEP § 706.07(a), a second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application shall be final, except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement during the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.9(c). Furthermore, a second action on the merits will not be made final if it includes a rejection, on newly cited art, other than information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c), of any claim not amended by applicant.

Here, in the final action of July 2, 2002, the Examiner has introduced new grounds of rejection not necessitated by amendment nor based on information submitted by applicant. In particular, the rejection of Claims 1 and 10 under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Chatwin et al. (5,492,370) in view of Curatolo (6,165,609) is a new ground of rejection of claims which were not amended in the prior amendment. While the final action states that the rejection of claims 1 and 10 on this ground is "as previously stated in the Office Action submitted on December 12, 2001," the previous rejection was based on Chatwin

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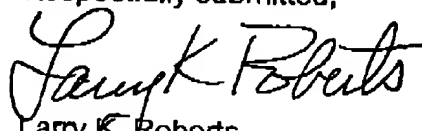
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et al. in view of Mansukhani (4,243,694). Curatolo is first made of record in the Office Action of July 2, 2002.

Because the final status of the outstanding rejections is contrary to MPEP 706.07(a), and because applicant will otherwise be deprived of a full opportunity to respond to the new rejection of Claims 1 and 10, applicants respectfully requests that the final status of the action mailed July 2, 2002 be withdrawn.

While it is not believed that any fee is due for this request, should the Office disagree, any fee due may be charged to the assignee's deposit account, 08-2025, as authorized in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,


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